

Dangerously Dealing With Sin

“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

I. In Order To Dangerously Deal With Sin You Need To Seek After God’s Judgment

A. This passage of scripture should bring excitement to our lives - 1 Peter 4:17

1. Normally this passage would create some dread in my heart because of the word “Judgment.” This word has always brought negative connotations to me.

- I was judged too small so I didn’t make the basketball team.
- **I was judged not good enough so I played right field and batted last.**
- I was judged too rowdy so parents wouldn’t let their kids play with me.
- **I was judged more capable than I was which caused unrealistic expectations.**
- I was judged too rebellious so I was expelled from school.
- **I was judged unable to change so I was kicked out of the army.**
- I was judged too bothersome so my family turned their back on me.
- **I was judged too violent so I was sent to prison.**

2. But from the moment that I met Him, His judgments have been different than man’s judgments, higher than man’s.

3. The writers of the bible had a different perspective of God’s judgement.

- a. Psalm 19:9-12 - This passage says that the Judgments of God are true, righteous, desirable, valuable, and sweet.
- b. Isaiah 26:7-10 - **It’s following the way of judgments that our way becomes smooth, our path becomes level, we learn righteousness, we are shown favor (mercy) and encounter His majesty (grace).**

4. Man’s judgments is designed to condemn what is wrong in man. God’s judgments are designed to bring forth what is right in man.

- a. **God’s judgments are not meant to condemn us where we are at but to bring us to where we should be.**

b. God's judgments are to be desired and not dreaded, embraced and not rejected, to be ran towards and not run from.

5. 1 Timothy 5:24 (NASB) "The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their [sins] follow after."

a. Numbers 32:23 - "*Your sin will find you out*" - either here or there (it's better it's done here)

b. Hebrews 10:31 - It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

c. It's not a terrifying thing to willingly come into the hands of God.

1) When you voluntarily place yourself in His hands than "*mercy will triumph over judgment.*" James 2:13

2) (*My son breaking of the Terry Bradshaw*)

B. Judgment is what helps you find God's grace in your time of need - Hebrews 4:16.

1. Mercy is simply received but grace has to be found.

2. God will grant you mercy in His judgment in order to give you an opportunity to find His grace for your time of need.

3. The question is "While I'm in His mercy, where can His Grace be found?"

a. My son this summer had a splinter in his finger - He was wanting healing without the treatment. The grace for his healing was found in the needle.

b. It can be found in:

1) Confession 2) Humility 3) Restitution 4) Reconciliation

5) Renouncing 6) Obedience 7) Sacrifice

II. Walking in honest relationship with other men will cause you to dangerously deal with sin.

A. Genesis 4:9 - The Lord is going to hold us accountable for each others welfare.

1. "Where Is Your Brother"

2 To answer that question we will have to locate where our brother is.

3. Once we locate we then have the responsibility to encourage what is right and correct what is wrong.

B. In order for accountability to be effective there has to be honesty.

1. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 - The Corinthian Church had leaven in it. Leaven is used in the Bible to symbolize insincerity and Hypocrisy.

a. Here Paul warned that they were boasting beyond their actual Spiritual condition.

b. Leaven causes something to look bigger than it actually is - Leaven is the cause of Air holes in bread - Leaven inflates the dough.

c. God will accept a small offering but never an inflated one.

2. God can't give you something that you are pretending to have already, He can't change you into somebody that your pretending to be already.

a. 2 Timothy 3:13 - If your in a bad place and you pretend to be in a good place you then keep yourself from the help that you need.

b. You can't put something behind you until you face it.

c. Genesis 32:24-28 - When Jacob finally admitted who he was, God was then able to take him on a journey to who God always wanted him to be.

C. Walking in the light with one another is the essence of real fellowship and it will cause you to dangerously deal with sin. 1 John 1:6-7

1. Fellowship with one another will cleanse us. Truth produces fellowship - fellowship causes cleansing

2. You can tell when you have enter into real fellowship because it will bathe you, it will cleanse you.

a. Leviticus 17:11 - The life of Christ is in the blood of Christ, but the blood flows through the Body of Christ - Us.

b. Forgiveness is the result of appropriating the Blood of Christ, cleansing is a result of having that blood applied to our lives by each other. We are legally clean, but we are not practically clean because we avoid one

c. We don't know where the dirt is until we meet someone who is clean in that spot. As you fellowship in honesty he will take the blood that was applied to him and he will apply it to you.

In order to dangerously deal with sin, you have to seek after God's judgment, be willing to be accountable, and develop the capacity of being brutally honest with yourself and others.